

FISCAL NOTE

HB 459 - SB 639

March 8, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Fair Campaign Practices Act* to require election coordinators and county registrars-at-large to furnish persons who file nominating petitions for elected office with a fair campaign practices code. The signing of the code is voluntary. Election coordinators and registrars-at-large would be required to maintain copies of signed codes for 30 days after the election. Any candidate who signs the code would be permitted to use a statement of such candidate's compliance with the code on campaign literature. The Secretary of State shall print and distribute the code of fair campaign practices. The code would contain language indicating that the candidate would limit attacks on the opponent to only legitimate challenges of their record and policies and would not use dishonesty or unethical practices.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes an increase in state expenditures to the Secretary of State's Office for the printing of the code and mailing of the forms to each county election coordinator and/or registrars-at-large for distribution to any candidate who wishes to sign such form.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director